

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Upon entry of the present Amendment, the status of the claims will be as is shown below. This listing of claims replaces all previous versions and listings of claims in the present application.

Claims 1-46 (Cancelled)

47. (New) A communication processor for controlling an outbound communication, comprising:

a memory that stores outbound communication rule information for a rule that is configurable by a subscriber to a service with which the outbound communication is originated, that governs processing for the outbound communication, and that includes a condition and an action to be taken for the outbound communication when the condition is satisfied; and

a sender that sends, in response to receiving a network device message from a network device which receives the outbound communication and sends the network device message to the communication processor when the condition is satisfied, a communication processor message including the action to be taken for controlling the outbound communication.

48. (New) The communication processor of claim 47,
wherein the outbound communication rule information is configurable over the internet.

49. (New) The communication processor of claim 47,
wherein the service is a telecommunications service, and
wherein the subscriber is a subscriber to the telecommunications service.

50. (New) The communications processor of claim 47,
wherein the action relates to forwarding the outbound communication.

51. (New) The communication processor of claim 47,
wherein the action relates to requiring submission of a personal identification
(PIN) number.

52. (New) The communication processor of claim 47,
wherein the outbound communication rule information is configurable for a
subscriber using a web browser.

53. (New) The communication processor of claim 47,
wherein the action relates to disallowing the outbound communication.

54. (New) The communication processor of claim 47,
wherein the action relates to routing the outbound communication via a carrier
associated with a dial-around code.

55. (New) The communication processor of claim 47,
wherein the outbound communication rule information comprises a plurality of actions.

56. (New) The communication processor of claim 47,
wherein the outbound communication rule information comprises a plurality of conditions.

57. (New) The communication processor of claim 47,
wherein the outbound communication rule information comprises a plurality of rules.

58. (New) A method for controlling an outbound communication, comprising:
storing outbound communication rule information for a rule that is configurable by a subscriber responsible to a service with which the outbound communication is originated, that governs processing for the outbound communication, and that includes a condition and an action to be taken for the outbound communication when the condition is satisfied; and

sending, in response to receiving a network device message from a network device which receives the outbound communication and sends the network device message to the communication processor when the condition is satisfied, a communication processor message including the action to be taken for controlling the outbound communication.

59. (New) The method of claim 58,
wherein the network device initiates an action in response to receiving the
communication processor message.

60. (New) The method of claim 58, further comprising:
determining whether at least a portion of a dialed number satisfies a condition of
the outbound communication rule information.

61. (New) The method of claim 60,
wherein the network device forwards the outbound communication to a number
other than the dialed number based on the action of the outbound communication rule
information.

62. (New) The method of claim 58,
wherein the action relates to blocking the outbound communication when the
outbound communication is to a destination indicated by the condition.

63. (New) The method of claim 58,
wherein a page is sent to a paging device based on the action of the outbound
communication rule information.

64. (New) The method of claim 58,
wherein the outbound communication rule information is configurable by the
subscriber via a service management system.

65. (New) The method of claim 58,
wherein the outbound communication rule information is configurable by the
subscriber via a web server.

66. (New) The method of claim 65,
wherein the outbound communication rule information is configurable via the
web server by the subscriber using a web client.

67. (New) The method of claim 58,
wherein the network device initiates a plurality of actions to be taken based on the
action.

68. (New) The method of claim 58, further comprising:
determining whether outbound communication information in the communication
processor message satisfies a plurality of conditions.

69. (New) The method of claim 58, further comprising:
determining whether outbound communication information in the communication
processor message satisfies conditions of a plurality of rules.